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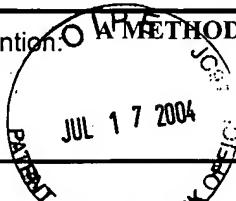
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This is a request for filing a continuation or divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 10/629,015 filed on July 29, 2003 and entitled:

A METHOD OF SAMPLE PREPARATION FOR ATOM PROBES AND SOURCE OF SPECIMENS

1. Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is being filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
 - b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. A new power of attorney or authorization of agent is enclosed. 07/20/2004 SZEWDIE1 00000035 10629015
5. Small Entity Status:

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	02 FC:2201	172.00 OP
	03 FC:2202	180.00 OP

 - a. A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
6. The fee for this application is calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED

For	#Filed	#Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	40	- 20 =	20	x \$9.00	\$180.00
Indep. Claims	7	- 3 =	4	x \$43.00	\$172.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable)					\$0.00
				BASIC FEE	\$385.00
				TOTAL FILING FEE	\$737.00

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- fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
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8. A check in the amount of \$737.00 is enclosed.

9. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:

- a. PTO-1449
- b. Copies of IDS Citations

10. Also enclosed:

9 SHEETS OF FORMAL DRAWINGS
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11. The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided below:

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C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the Applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or application in the file jacket.

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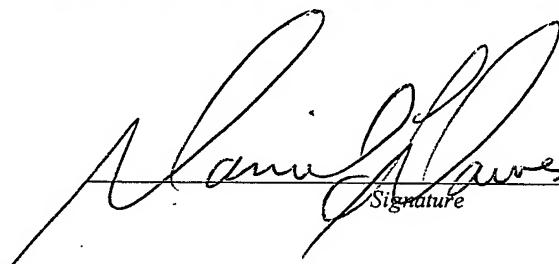
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